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some discussion this morning on it. So I hope that you'd support this, cut it. It comes pretty close to a 2 percent, not quite, but just pretty close to a 2 percent. And I know the Appropriations come out with a 1 percent and the Governor wants a 3 percent cut, and we...we're only down to 1 and I think we should split the difference and go with at least 2 percent. So that's the reason I'm introducing this amendment this morning. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members, at this point I want to rise and oppose this. He said...actually, Senator Jones, that you go from a 1 percent cut to a 2 percent cut is the way. It's about \$4.5 million per percent, so this would amount to a 2 percent cut. The body will need to decide what it's going to do, and I know there's many in here that are reluctant to raise taxes in any way, shape or form, and I am keeping a list back here of some inconsistencies, but...and I realize the university is...is vulnerable. It's a fairly large budget. And so part of it is I guess you have to consider in your own mind how important that the university is to the state of Nebraska, and whether in hopefully temporarily downtimes that you want to damage an institution of that size and scope and importance in this state. I'm not the original user of the term economic engine of this state, as far as the university concerned, but we're talking about the Med Center, we're talking about UNK, we're talking about the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and we're talking about UNO. We're talking about all of these campuses. And I recognize that Senator Jones is talking about administration but his amendment really doesn't trigger into that. His...he's making a suggestion as the way it's...yeah, I...it would be transcribed, as I would see it, or initiated. I don't have the figures at the top of my head. It's a little bit awkward. There was nothing filed at nine o'clock when I came up here so I had no idea where we were going. That's what makes it hard to play defense in this case, if that's what you want to consider it. But somewhere I have read or heard that we are not top-heavy with administration of the University of Nebraska, contrary to some people's beliefs, and I don't have those numbers on the tip of my tongue so I can't quote those